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The undersigned hereby states in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (e) (1) that Documents A1 and A2 of this Information Disclosure Statement were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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Respectfully submitted,

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